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## **APPENDIX**

- 1. In a computing environment, computer readable code for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique for navigating an object model, said computer readable code comprising:
  - a subprocess for displaying a browser;
- a subprocess for retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said elements representing said object model;
  - a subprocess for enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;
- a subprocess for retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model when said selected element is a component of said model; and
- a subprocess for enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said displayed relationship information.
- 12 3. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 1, 13 further comprising a subprocess for presenting an action list to said user.
- 4. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3,
  wherein said action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected one or more relationships.
- 5. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3, wherein said action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said element is a component.

- 1 6. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 3.
- 2 wherein said action list is filtered before being presented to said user, using one or
- more predefined filters. 3

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- 1 7. Computer readable code for implementing the technique according to Claim 1,
- 2 wherein said browser is a conventional browser.
- 1 8. A system for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique 2 for navigating an object model in a computing environment, comprising:
  - means for displaying a browser;
  - means for retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said elements representing said object model;
- 6 means for enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;
- 7 means for retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model 8 when said selected element is a component of said model; and
  - means for enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said displayed relationship information.
- 1 10. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, further
- 2 comprising means for presenting an action list to said user.
- 1 11. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said
- 2 action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected one or more relationships.
- 1 12. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said

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- 2 action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said
- 3 element is a component.
- 1 13. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 10, wherein said
- 2 action list is filtered before being presented to said user, using one or more predefined
- 3 filters.

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- 1 14. The system for implementing the technique according to Claim 8, wherein said
- browser is a conventional browser. 2
- 1 15. A method for implementing a convenient and intuitive visually-oriented technique 2 for navigating an object model in a computing environment, comprising the steps of:
- 3 displaying a browser;
  - retrieving and displaying a set of elements in said browser, said elements representing said object model;
    - enabling a user of said code to select one of said elements;
    - retrieving and displaying relationship information from said model when said selected element is a component of said model; and
- 9 enabling said user to select one or more relationships from said displayed 10 relationship information.
- 1 17. The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 15, further
- 2 comprising the step of presenting an action list to said user following said selection of
- 3 relationship information.
- 1 18. The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, wherein said
- 2 action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected relationship information.

- 1 19. The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, wherein said
- 2 action list comprises a list of actions tailored to said selected element when said
- 3 element is a component.
- 1 20. The method for implementing the technique according to Claim 17, further
- 2 comprising the step of filtering said action list before presenting said action list to said
- 3 user, using one or more predefined filters.